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STATISTICS prove that this year's Hongkong Products Exhibition is the biggest yet; visibly the display is as attractive as ever; and there is every reason for believing that the exhibits are better than ever, both in variety and quality. The Colony's manufacturing industries deserve all possible encouragement, rating as they do second only in importance to the Colony's entrepot trade. Thus it is proper they should receive whatever assistance Government is able to extend to them. Yet in the final analysis the success of our industries must depend on the manufacturers themselves. It is heartening to note that the Chinese Manufacturers' Union are aware of this, and it will be observed with general satisfaction that the Union is determined to establish and maintain approved standards for locally manufactured commodities. Recognition of the fact that production in quantity at low cost is insufficient to capture overseas markets unless strict attention is paid to quality means that Hongkong products will, in future, enhance their prospects of expanding overseas trade. The marketing of articles which fall below declared specifications is injurious to the Colony generally and to local manufacturers in particular. The point cannot be overstressed, and His Excellency the Governor made a becoming reference to the subject when he opened the products exhibition yesterday. No matter how much initiative and enterprise is shown in displaying Hongkong commodities in overseas trade fairs, it can all be nullified if the goods which are finally marketed fail to attain promised standards.

THE programme which the Chinese Manufacturers' Union has planned for showing off our products in other parts of the world is highly commendable, and past experience at the British Industries Fair and other exhibitions lend confidence to the expectation that these efforts will be well-rewarded. Nor will there be any dispute over the proposal that Hongkong manufacturers should have at their disposal a permanent exhibition hall in which to display to visitors the ever-growing variety of local products. But the tentative suggestion thrown out yesterday that a part of the new municipal buildings should be set aside for this purpose is not likely to meet with enthusiastic public approval. The obvious danger is that with all our manufacturers anxious to show their wares, any part of the City Hall allocated for permanent exhibition of Hongkong commodities would probably bear the inelegant resemblance of a five and ten cent store. It is impossible to forbear from making the same comparison at Hongkong's annual BIF display. It is appropriate that the Chinese Manufacturers' Union should be encouraged in the project of establishing a permanent exhibition hall, but we cannot subscribe to the view that the new City Hall offers itself as the ideal site.

Police Fire On Violent Mob

New Delhi, Dec. 16. Police opened fire on a "violent mob" of nearly 500 strong, which attacked police buildings in Chhamb, 50 miles from Jammu, near the Pakistani border yesterday, the Kashmir Government Information Bureau here said in a press note today, according to the press note the demonstrators who were armed with stones, spears and

US Willing To Resume Truce Talks On One Condition

"DEEP REGRET" OVER CHINA'S DECISION

New York, Dec. 15.

The United States told the Chinese Communists tonight that it will resume the Panmunjom truce talks whenever Peking accepts the United Nations "humanitarian principles" on non-forcible repatriation of war prisoners.

The United States expressed "deep regret" at the Chinese rejection of the UN Indian-designed Korean truce offer. The rejection was officially received here today.

The U.S. charged that Peking had "flouted the solemnly expressed views of the General Assembly."

The North Koreans to whom the UN peace offer was also addressed have not yet replied, but there is little doubt here that the answer from Pyongyang also would be "no."

The State Department's comment on Peking's rejection was followed quickly by a French statement calling the Chinese Communists' stand "destructive of hope."

In response to the 11-page propaganda-laden rejection from Peking's Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, the United States said, "Thus the Communists have again rejected peace in Korea."

It added, "The United States government reaffirms its determination to continue to fulfil its responsibilities in Korea. The UN Command remains ready to meet again with Communist negotiators at Panmunjom whenever they accept the proposals contained in a UN resolution or any of the other numerous proposals which have been made to them by the UN Command, or whenever they advance constructive proposals of their own which could lead to an honourable armistice."

NO COMPROMISE
"However, there can be no compromise with the basic humanitarian principles contained in the resolution of the General Assembly."

Until the Communists accept these basic UN principles, the United States government cannot see what useful purpose will be served by having the United States propose to the Communists still other plans for implementing these proposals.

The responsibility for whether there shall be peace in Korea clearly lies with the Chinese Communists and the North Korean authorities and their supporters.

"(The Red rejection) calls on the UN to accept peace at any price, in this case being the abandonment of all elementary human consideration towards those among the prisoners who think they know what their fate will be if they are forcibly repatriated. In fact, it calls on the UN to accept humanitarian principles,"—United Press.

APPEAL TO RUSSIA
Singapore, Dec. 15. The Pan-Malayan Labour Party today cabled the Soviet Embassy in Bangkok urging the Soviet government to accept the Indian plan for ending the Korean war.

The decision to send a cable was reached at a meeting of the Party's Working Committee held in Penang. The cable adds, "The Malayan workers join the peace-loving workers of the world in urging acceptance of the Indian plan."

A spokesman said the Malayan workers supported the Indian plan, because they were anxious for the Korean bloodbath to be brought to an immediate end.

He said that willingness of the Soviet government to accept the Indian proposal would be regarded by the peace-loving

Rescue Attempt In Darkness

Leghorn, Dec. 15.

Rescuers battled wind, fire and darkness tonight in an attempt to rescue the crewmen from the battered stern of a United States Navy supply ship driven on the rocks and split in two with its load of Christmas turkeys for GI's in Europe.

Searchlights of the Italian Navy Academy, whose grounds are opposite the rocks on which a howling wind and gale waves battered the ship's stern, were turned on the rescue scene.

The 2,400-ton refrigerated supply ship was in Leghorn harbour early today when its anchor started dragging in the howling gale. It was driven onto the "Queen of Leghorn" reefs and snapped in two. Forty crewmen took shelter in the stern.

United States Navy and Italian naval forces formed the rescue team. They rigged a breeches buoy line from flaps to the ship.

The Naval Academy was connected with a subversive organization.

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COLLECTED IN A BIG WAY

London, Dec. 16.

An estimated £16,000 from Southeast London public telephone coin boxes went into the pockets of seven post office collectors, it was disclosed today.

One of them admitted stealing about £1 per day since he was hired in 1945.

Self-sealing, thief-proof coin boxes are now being installed.

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\$90 Million Order For Britain

TANKS, SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION

London, Dec. 15.

The United States ordered \$90,000,000 worth of Centurion tanks, spare parts and ammunition from Britain today for use by nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

A contract clinching the deal was signed in London by the Supply Minister, Mr Duncan Sandys. The deal was floated under the United States mutual security programme.

The tanks eventually will go to the Netherlands and Denmark for use in the Atlantic Treaty defence effort.

The Centurion Mark III is a 50-ton heavy now being used in Korea by British troops.

In a statement on the deal in London, Brigadier-General D. F. Callahan of the US Military Assistance Advisory Group in the United Kingdom, described it as "the biggest single American off-shore procurement order we have placed to date."

APPROPRIATION

The US Army Ordnance Corps placed the tank order. An estimated 167 British firms and Royal Ordnance plants will do the manufacturing job.

Justice Clark, who wrote the court's main opinion, said "It is discriminatory classification of innocents with knowing activity must fall as an assertion of arbitrary power." The oath offends due process."

Justices Black and Frankfurter wrote separate concurring opinions. Justice Jackson took no part in the case, making the vote 8-0.

Validity of the law was questioned by seven former teachers of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

They declined to take the oath and were fired on May 21, 1951. Each had a contract of employment extending until June 30, 1951. It was stipulated in Oklahoma courts that none of the teachers was connected with a subversive organization.

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He did not say how much the programme would be pared down but he made it clear the overall purpose was protection of the nation's financial solvency.

In an effort to bolster her hard-pressed economy, Britain has also decided to earn hard currencies abroad by the export of armaments, which in many cases she could well do profitably herself.

The new Centurion order thus not only makes available to NATO nations a large number of these formidable war machines but also gives Britain's export business a needed shot in the arm.

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STOP PRESS

Muldoon Loses Claim

Mr Justice Scholes gave judgment this morning for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. in the case in which John Patrick Muldoon claimed damages from the company for wrongful dismissal.

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Expecting Best Post-War

Christmas

London, Dec. 16.

Britons, despite continued restriction of imports in an effort to redress the trade balance and save foreign exchange, are looking forward to their best post-war Christmas.

Supplies of the traditional Christmas fare are plentiful and, if anything, slightly cheaper than last year. Home-grown turkeys are expected to sell for 6d. per lb. less than last year, while the cut in the price of imported birds may be as much as 8d. per lb.

Christmas puddings, the other "must" for the Christmas dinner, are on sale everywhere—as are the elaboratelyiced Christmas cakes which form the traditional centre piece of the Christmas tea or party table.

Although by the standards of her nearest neighbours on the Continent, Britain is still living under the rule of austerity, there is a general feeling of greater ease this year than last.

Britons, in fact, are all set to make the Christmas and New Year holidays a fitting prelude to the gaiety which will accompany the Queen's Coronation next summer. Reuter.

Triplets And

Twins

Dingwall, Scotland Dec. 16. Mrs Margaret Davidson, 27-year-old wife of a private in the Cameron Highlanders, has had girl triplets in Dingwall Maternity Home.

Private Davidson, who is already father of two sets of twins and two other children, claimed "Don't believe you. You are joking," when told the latest news. Reuter.

Walsall, Dec. 16. Mrs Albert Bourne of Walsall had five children in less than a year. She had triplets last year and, now, twins—girl and boy.

Her four other children aged between eight and two years. The family live in Council house. Reuter.

JAPAN AND THE UN

US Resolution On Membership

New York, Dec. 15. The United States urged the United Nations today to determine that Japan is eligible for UN membership.

The United States introduced the surprise resolution in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee requesting the Security Council "to take note of this determination by the General Assembly with respect to the application of Japan."

Although the American resolution did not specify what action it wanted on the Russian-vetoed Japanese application, it appeared that the United States wanted the Council to take another try at it.

The resolution said in part: "The General Assembly... determines that Japan is, in its judgment, a peace-loving state within the merits of Article Four of the Charter and is able and willing to carry out the obligations of the Charter and should therefore be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

THE PREAMBLE
The preamble of the resolution said: "The General Assembly... noting that 10 members of the Security Council on 18th September, 1952, supported a draft resolution recommending the admission to the United Nations of Japan but that no recommendation was made to the General Assembly because of the opposition of one permanent member, is deeming it important to the development of the United Nations, that all applicant states which possess the qualifications for membership set forth in Article Four of the Charter should be admitted."

The United States resolution on Japan's membership which was voted by Jacob Malik of Russia.

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Dies After Fast

Madras, Dec. 15. The South Indian political leader, Potti Sriramulu, who has been fasting for the last 68 days in an attempt to force the Government to sanction the formation of a separate linguistic state with Madras state, died tonight.

Indian Premier Nehru told Parliament last week that he would sanction such a separate state after there was an agreement on the major controversial issue between leaders of the various linguistic political parties in South India. — France-Presse.

PAYMENT IN FULL SAYS EDEN

Paris, Dec. 15. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, told Mr Dean Acheson, the American Secretary of State, today that Britain would insist on exacting full compensation from Persia for the loss of her £500 million oil industry.

Mr Eden said Britain was keeping an open mind about the possibility of getting Persian oil flowing again through an arrangement between international oil companies and the Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh. But he was not prepared to consent to any arrangement which prejudices Britain's legal claim to ownership of Persian oil and for fair compensation for both the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's installations and their loss of revenue.

The two Foreign Ministers met privately after the opening session of the North Atlantic Council here.

An authoritative source said Mr Eden had told Mr Acheson that Britain was also concerned about the possible effects of continued economic stress in Persia, but she was not prepared to endorse a settlement which would exonerate Dr Mossadegh from his financial difficulties and, at the same time, indicate a precedent which other oil-bearing states might follow.

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Mother & Baby Survive Crash

Banbury, Dec. 15. A mother and her 12-month-old baby were thrown clear when the car in which she was travelling skidded and crashed through the parapet of a bridge at Adderbury, near here, and plunged twenty feet into the river below.

The woman's husband, Mr Patrick Joseph McGovern, 33, of Deddington, Oxfordshire, who was driving the car, was trapped in the overturned vehicle and drowned.

Mrs McGovern and her baby were taken to Banbury hospital.

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British Stand On Morocco Issue In U.N.

SUPPORT FOR FRANCE

New York, Dec. 15. The British Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, told the General Assembly's Political Committee today that the United Nations debate on the French-Moroccan dispute may only make the situation worse.

Mr. Lloyd also declared the Moroccan problem was exclusively the concern of France and was outside United Nations jurisdiction.

"The United Nations is not competent to make recommendations on Morocco, in discussing it, the United Nations is embarking on a dangerous course which might impede progress toward self-government," Mr. Lloyd said.

Britain could not support any resolution on this subject.

He took the same attitude earlier on the French-Tunisian dispute and abstained when the Political Committee adopted a mildly-worded proposal urging France and Tunisia to resume

ARRESTED MEN FREED

Baigdad, Dec. 15. General Abdul Muallib, Military Governor of Baigdad Province, today released 10 politicians detained during the disturbances three weeks ago against the programme for elections due this month.

The released politicians include:

Hussein Jamil, Deputy Leader of the National Democratic Party and former Minister of Justice; Abdul Razak al Dahri, former Minister of Economics; and Ismail Ghani, Deputy Leader of the Istiqlal (Nationalist) Party.

Others are expected to be released soon.

The evening paper, Al Nahdah, said tonight that the Premier, General Nureddin Mahmud, is expected to appoint three Cabinet Ministers to fill vacant posts in the Economics, Interior and Works Ministries.

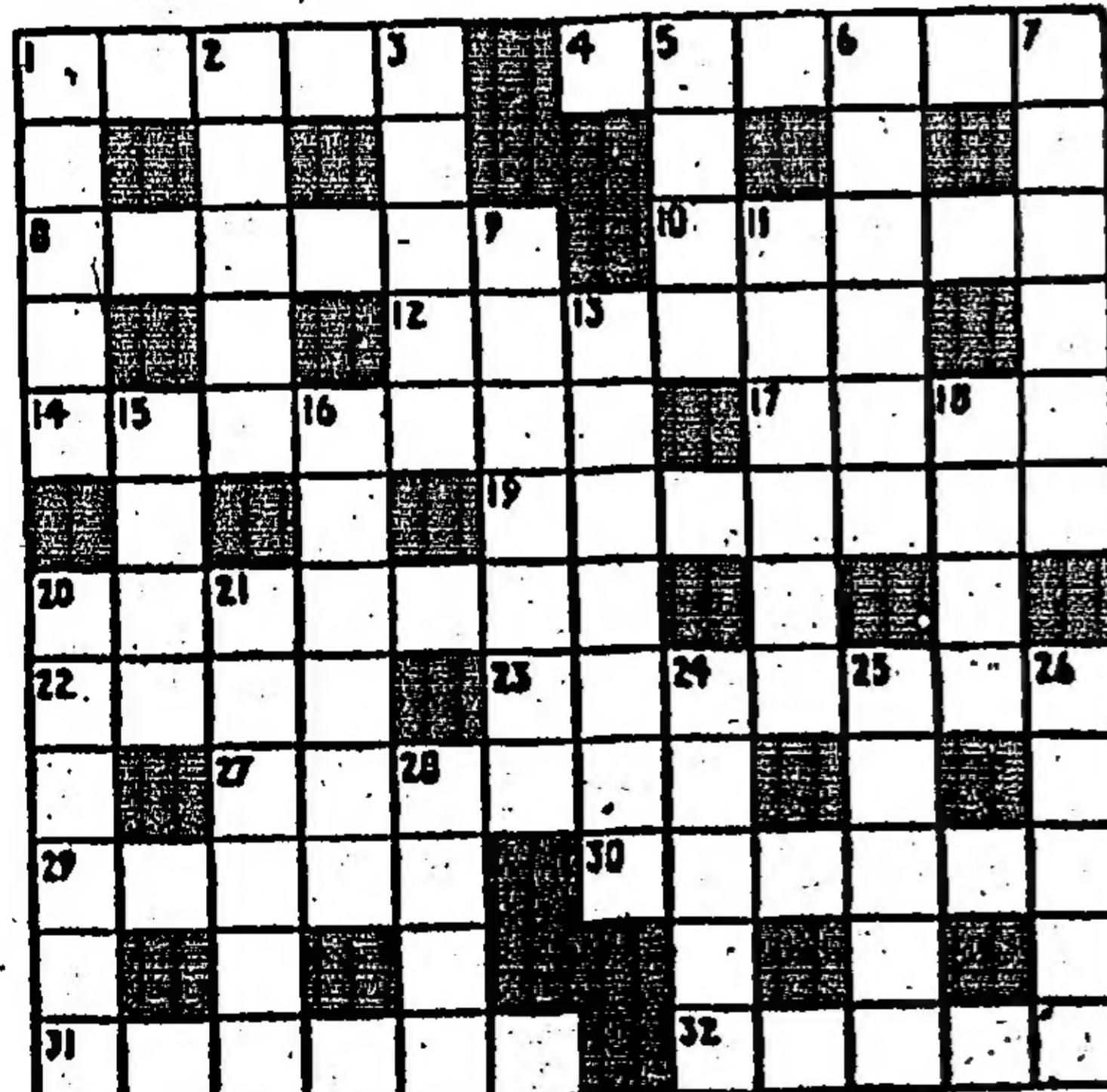
Official quarters declined to confirm or deny the report.—Reuter.

STOWAWAYS TO BE RETURNED

Oslo, Dec. 15. Three young men stowaways, who arrived in Norway on November 4 in the Norwegian ship "Fernplant" from Israel and claimed political asylum as refugees from Romania, are to be sent back to Israel.

The Norwegian Justice Ministry said that, after consultation with the Israeli police, it had learned the trio are Israeli citizens of whom one is wanted for assault.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Years for (5).
4. Light meals (6).
8. Lessons (6).
10. Stadium (5).
12. Reposed (6).
14. Table support (7).
17. Military assistant (4).
19. Elected (7).
20. Yield (7).
22. Tear (4).
23. Holds property in trust (7).
27. Feels (6).
29. View (5).
30. Constraint (6).
31. Refrains from (6).
32. Feudal lord (6).
33. Follow (6).
34. Tidings (4).

DOWN
1. Cunning (5).
2. Conscious of (5).
3. Bring to bear (5).
5. Clever (4).
6. Believe (6).
7. Frightened (6).
9. Picks (7).
11. Responds to stimulus (6).
13. Cut apart (7).
15. Uncommon (4).
16. Unexpected (6).
18. Valley (4).
20. Forced open (6).
21. Attacks (6).
24. Customary (6).
25. Subject (6).
26. Follow (6).
28. Tidings (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Asperges, 8. Red, 9. Reserved, 11. Prickles, 13. And, 15. Provides, 18. Direct, 19. Plan, 21. Deserved, 25. Released, 26. Pile, 27. Retracts, 29. Trop, 3. Fads, 4. Sub, 5. Eyes, 6. Seven, 7. Sedan, 9. Robed, 10. Seven, 12. Rural, 14. Crime, 16. Dives, 17. Sewed, 19. Art, 20. Allot, 21. Date, 22. Sect, 23. Vain, 24. Dope.

Relics Are Reinstalled



A great gathering of Buddhists at Sanchi, near Bhopal, saw the reinstallation of the sacred relics of Sarupita and Moggallana, the Buddha's chief disciples, in a newly-erected temple on the site where they were discovered by General Cunningham over 100 years ago. The relics were taken to England but restored to India in 1949 and have since been taken throughout the Buddhist world. The casket containing the relics was carried by Pandit Nehru, the Premier, to its final resting place. — Express Photo.

Israel Accused Of Armistice Violation

Jerusalem, Dec. 15. The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today censured Israel by a majority vote for "violating the armistice agreement," Azmi Nashashibi, senior Jordan delegate to the Commission, announced.

The motion came after allegations that Israeli soldiers attempted last Friday night to smuggle a quantity of arms and ammunition to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital in the demilitarised zone, which is under United Nations supervision.

The Commission called upon Israel to take all necessary steps in future to prevent incidents. The meeting was presided over by General Bonnet Deridder, Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation for Palestine. Four observers attended the meeting, which was held at Commission Headquarters at the Mandelbaum Gate, no-man's-land of the divided city.

The meeting lasted four and a half hours but was interrupted for three hours on the Israeli senior delegate's request to give the chairman time to visit an Israeli arms depot to investigate an Israeli claim that an arms theft took place from the depot on the same night as the incident.

When the Commission passed the censure vote, the Israeli delegation withdrew from the meeting in protest after vainly trying to avoid voting.

Nashashibi said he demanded that the U.N. Security Council be informed of the incident because arms smuggling in big quantities involved a serious violation of the armistice agreement.—Associated Press.

JORDAN CHALLENGED

London, Dec. 15. The Jordan Embassy today challenged a report attributed to General William Riley, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission, in Jerusalem, that no mortal bombs existed in the Jewish sector of the demilitarised Mount Scopus area.

The Embassy stated that an Arab Legion patrol found "three packs" filled with two and three-inch mortar bombs, hand grenades and machine gun ammunition in the demilitarised zone bordering on Jewish Jerusalem early on Saturday.

The Jordan Embassy's statement linked this with the unsolved mystery of the 50-gallon grey metal drum found last summer among supplies permitted to pass through the Arab lines to the demilitarised zone of Jerusalem.

The drum, which figured in the so-called "burch" incident, was returned to the Jordan zone. Arab quarters claimed that it contained prohibited military stores.

The Jordan statement said: "This incident ties with the

PROTEST MADE TO BRITAIN

Naguib Objects To Stand In UN

Cairo, Dec. 15. General Mohammed Naguib, the Prime Minister of Egypt, today protested to the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, against Britain's stand in the United Nations on the Palestine dispute.

According to a Foreign Office spokesman here, similar protests were to be lodged simultaneously with British envoys in other Arab League States.

General Naguib said later he had told Sir Ralph Stevenson of "our great regret at the United Nations Political Committee decision, which was inspired by Britain."

The Political Committee has recommended direct negotiations between the Arab States and Israel to resolve their differences without setting out any preconceived conditions. The Arab States had insisted that the talks must be on the basis of previous Assembly resolutions, which have called for the internationalisation of Jerusalem and the repatriation of Arab refugees.

General Naguib said he had told the British Ambassador that the Political Committee decision was "a harmful step which had a very bad effect on the Arab States."

COMMITTEE TO MEET

"I asked the Ambassador how he could explain this move at a time when Britain is attempting to settle outstanding problems with the Arabs."

General Naguib added that Sir Ralph had promised to refer the matter to his Government.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes. The Acting Foreign Minister of Egypt, Fahy Razwan, and the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Abdul Rahman Makky, were also present.

The Arab League Political Committee has been summoned to meet in Cairo in the next few days to discuss, among other things, the latest developments in Palestine.

General Naguib has also discussed the United Nations resolution with Colonel Adib Shishakly, Deputy Premier of Syria, who is here for military, political and financial talks.—Reuter.

Egyptian Envoy To Bonn

Cairo, Dec. 15. Colonel Anwar Sadat, the official Egyptian Government spokesman, confirmed at a Press conference tonight the appointment of Ferik (Field Marshal) Aziz el Masri as Egypt's first Ambassador to West Germany.

He said the appointment of a successor to Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egypt's Ambassador in London, was still pending.—Reuter.

FIRE ON

The Embassy added that on Friday evening, an Arab Legion patrol heard voices close to the Israeli side of the Mount Scopus demilitarised area.

While investigating they were fired on by a party of armed Israeli soldiers whom they put to flight.

The statement added that the following morning, an attack on the Arab Legion was launched by Israeli troops in "company strength."

This was also repudiated.

The statement said mortars, grenades and ammunition were discovered when the ground was subsequently searched and were all "clearly marked in Hebrew and apparently now."

It said that the Israeli carrying party had been interested and the loads dropped just over 1,000 yards inside the Jordan area.

The Embassy said the Israeli attack was obviously staged to recover the dropped ammunition loads, in view of:

(1) The current Israeli peace offensive at the United Nations; (2) The new local command agreement in the area which came into effect on December 1.—Reuter.

RED EDITOR ARRESTED

Tehran, Dec. 15. The Communist newspaper, Becht-e Ayandeh, was suppressed again tonight and its editor arrested. He is to face trial "for insulting a Persian Government official in the paper's columns."

The paper has been prevented from publishing several times, though reappearing under a new name every time.

Another newspaper, Irene Ma, supporting Ayatullah Kashani, Speaker of the Majlis (Parliament) has also been banned and its editor will face trial next week.—Reuter.

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Suspicion Leads To Disastrous Double

NORTH		24	
♦	KQ632		
♦	63		
♦	K2		
♦	10743		
WEST	EAST (D)		
♦	10724	♦ J6	
♦	1098	♦ AKQ7542	
♦	Q54	♦ 10763	
♦	8	♦ None	
SOUTH			
♦	5		
♦	None		
♦	759		
♦	AKQJ9652		
North-South vul.			
East	South	West	North
1	2	4	Pass
Pass	5	Double	Pass
5	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	6	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass
Opening lead—♦J			

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand may serve both as a lesson and as a horrible example. South's bidding is the lesson, and West's is the horrible example. And when I say horrible, I'm not just whistling Dixiel.

South had no trouble in making six clubs, of course. He ruffed the opening lead, and did the only minor trumps, and led his singleton spade towards dummy.

West took the ace of spades (and a good thing, too) and ruffed the suit which he had made an over-trick and desperately switched to diamonds, but the J6 was up. South easily won the rest of the trick.

East, however, was not clever.

His first steward move was to bid only two clubs.

There was no need to jump or make a bid, but he did, and only one card in both major suits combined.

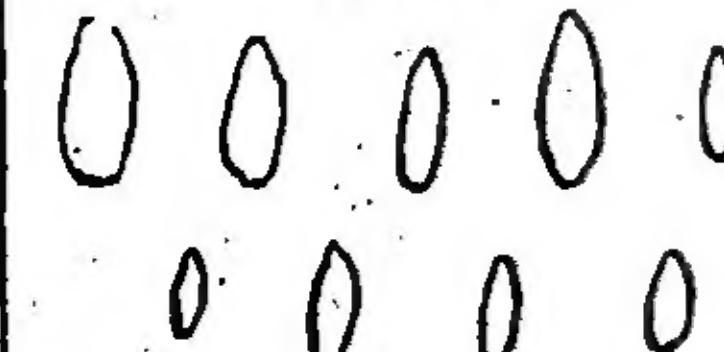
Cocklecarrot adjourned.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

FOLLOWING an old tradition of this column there will be no opening paragraph today, as December 10 falls on a Tuesday this year.

Runcom egg-rally



At the rally and reunion (left to right back row standing): Stinker, Mockingbird, Wonder Boy, Phlegm, Horrid II. (Front row, sitting): Stalemate, Old Harry, Mr. Foss, Demon, Mother Musty.

What is it?

Mr. JUSTICE COCKLEGARNOT was called up to decide a difficult point yesterday in the Court of Admiralty, Probate and Fisheries. If a hen-house or where it may have been built, was a "house" and therefore entitled to the same rights as a house? Mr. Justice, however, held that it was a non-vehicular construction temporarily vehicularised. Cocklegarnot adjourned.

Tail-piece

A STICK waiting 20 minutes in a restaurant in a callow city is not to be regarded as a shortcoming.

Mr. Linkbury Snap-driver, QC, held that the hen-house was a hand-propelled vehicle.

Mr. Justice, however, held that it was non-vehicular construction temporarily vehicularised. Cocklegarnot adjourned.

Rabbit.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

BORN today, you have, perhaps, only cause confusion in your otherwise sincere and open personality. Your self-sufficiency is strongly marked.

You have considerable artistic temperament and your likes are exceedingly attractive. You are important that your home life be a happy and harmonious one. Do not wait until you find someone who complements you to your rather unusually complex nature.

There is a practical streak in your nature and you have an interest in science, as well as a real curiosity about the occult and the unknown.

You are not content to take your fate as it comes and you get as far as you can.

The basic truth is as you can become superstitious—for that will

WEDNESDAY,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Some light reading or entertainment will break the pattern of hard work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Worth-while objectives should be pushed to a successful completion with the signs of good fortune.

TAURUS (Mar. 21-Feb. 19)—Get your Christmas shopping for the children done early this year.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—

Some time to get the house ready for Christmas. Do some re-decorating if you want to.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—A good day for co-operative action with those you love. Get an important job done on time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Balance assets against liabilities now and make the best of your position to the best of your ability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—You may need to be a little more economical so that your Christmas shopping is not an insult to East.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—

Seems like a strange time to start saving! But do it now and have money for something you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Don't let your get involved with foolish worries. Keep busy and forget about it.

LIBRA (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Tensions are arising. But keep them under control by relaxing at intervals and you will accomplish your goal.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

PENTACLE

By MAX TRELL

EVERYBODY else in the playroom had to find what spots they could to make themselves comfortable in, sometimes in a corner, sometimes under the table or under the bookshelves. But Miss China Doll had her own private house to live in.

Miss China Doll's house was in the playroom, too, of course. It rested on the floor just under the sunny window where the geraniums grew in their red clay pots. And it was a very large house with lots of rooms both upstairs and down. Yet never, never, but NEVER did Miss China Doll ever let any one else come into her house. "It's all mine," she said.

This is what happened. A cricket who lived in the garden and who was beginning to feel chilly because the winter was drawing near, came in through the window where the geraniums stood and dropped right into Miss China Doll's lovely house. She tried to shoot him out but he wouldn't leave.

And that wasn't all that happened. A day or two later, several wasps, who also didn't like the chilly nights and were looking for a nice warm place to spend the winter, flew in to Miss Doll's house. They buzzed all around and finally settled on the ceiling in her bedroom.

"Get out!" she shouted. "They wouldn't go. "Please get out!" she begged. But they still stayed at home.

Everybody agreed that Miss China Doll was very rude and selfish not to invite her friends in. Once General Tin and Teddy the stuffed bear both knocked on Miss China Doll's door. It was her birthday and they both had a daisy to give her. She took the two daisies but she didn't invite them in. "Your feet are too muddy," she said.

Then came some hornets, some bees, a daddy-long-legs, a blue-bottle fly and last of all, a mouse. The mouse was the limit. When he moved in, Miss China Doll moved right out.

Tears in Her Eyes

She came running into the playroom and hid herself under

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Selfish Miss China Doll

—She Was, Until She Had Some Uninvited Guests!

By MAX TRELL

She wouldn't even let Knarf and Handi, whose feet weren't muddy at all, come in. She was afraid they might like her house so much that they would decide to move in with her. But that wasn't true at all. Knarf and Handi only wanted to make a friendly call, just us everyone else did.

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TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You bid 10 spades, 4 diamonds, 3 hearts, 2 clubs, 1 diamond, Q-7-3, Clubs A-1-0. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. PRIES

Black, 7 pieces.

White, 10 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—B6, any; 2. Q, B, Kt, or P (ch., or dis ch.) mates.

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Sun, pale in land strip. (9)

2. Old friend, (9)

3. Shape of a broken car. (8)

4. Look there's little account in dirt. (7)

5. They've been and gone. (9)

6. Spare time. (7)

7. Habitual measure. (6)

8. Habitual for the peacock. (6)

9. Fifty leap to the jacket front. (18)

10. He could be quite apt. (8)

Solutions of yesterday's puzzle—Answers: 1. Gossamer; 2. Nocturne; 3. Vane; 4. Almond; 5. Jig; 6. Gull; 7. Ditch; 8. Tires; 9. Knob; 10. Eros; 11. Dewey; 12. Conditon; 13. Astronomer; 14. Story; 15. Meet; 16. Let's; 17. Never; 18. Miss; 19. Meet.

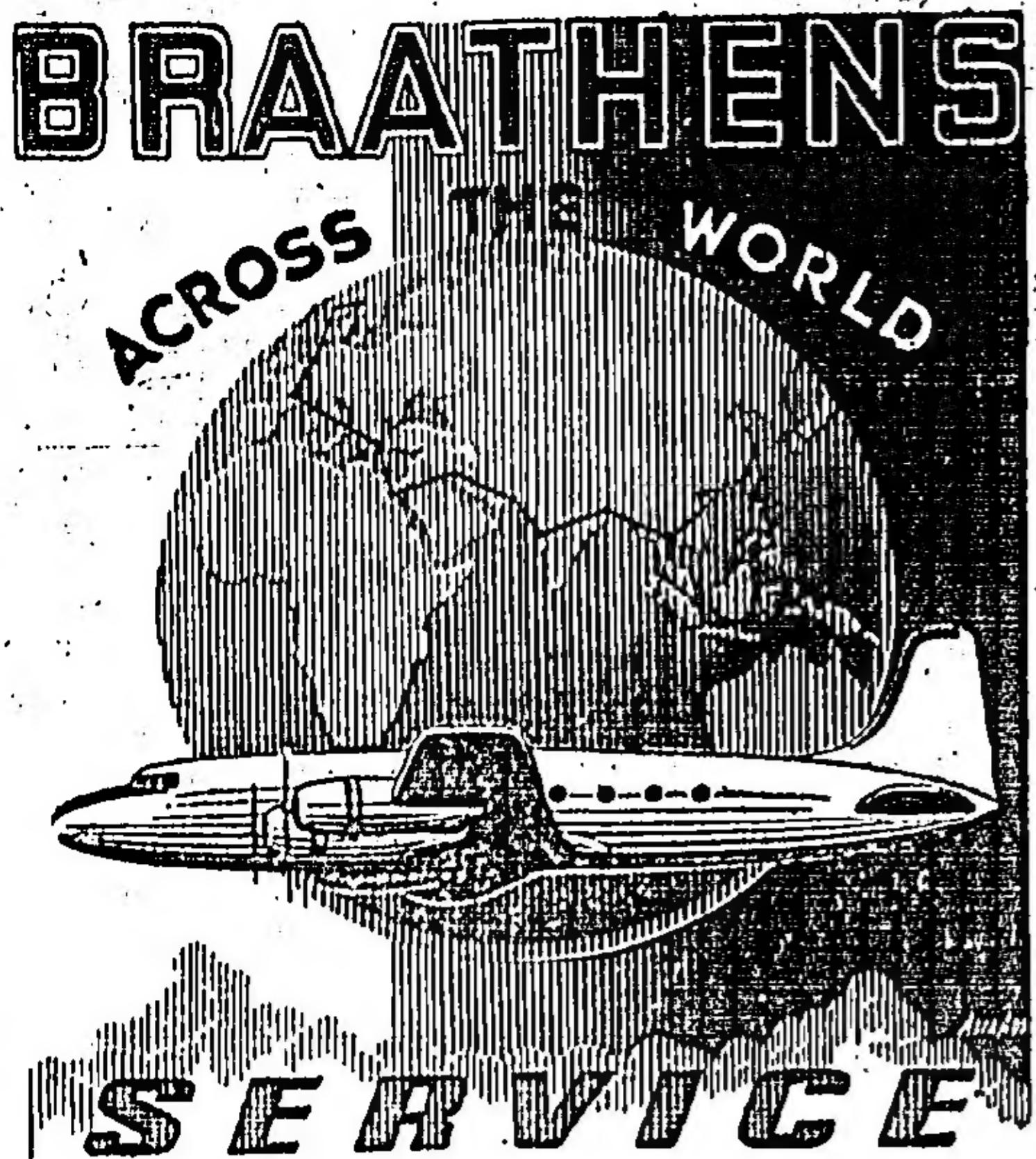
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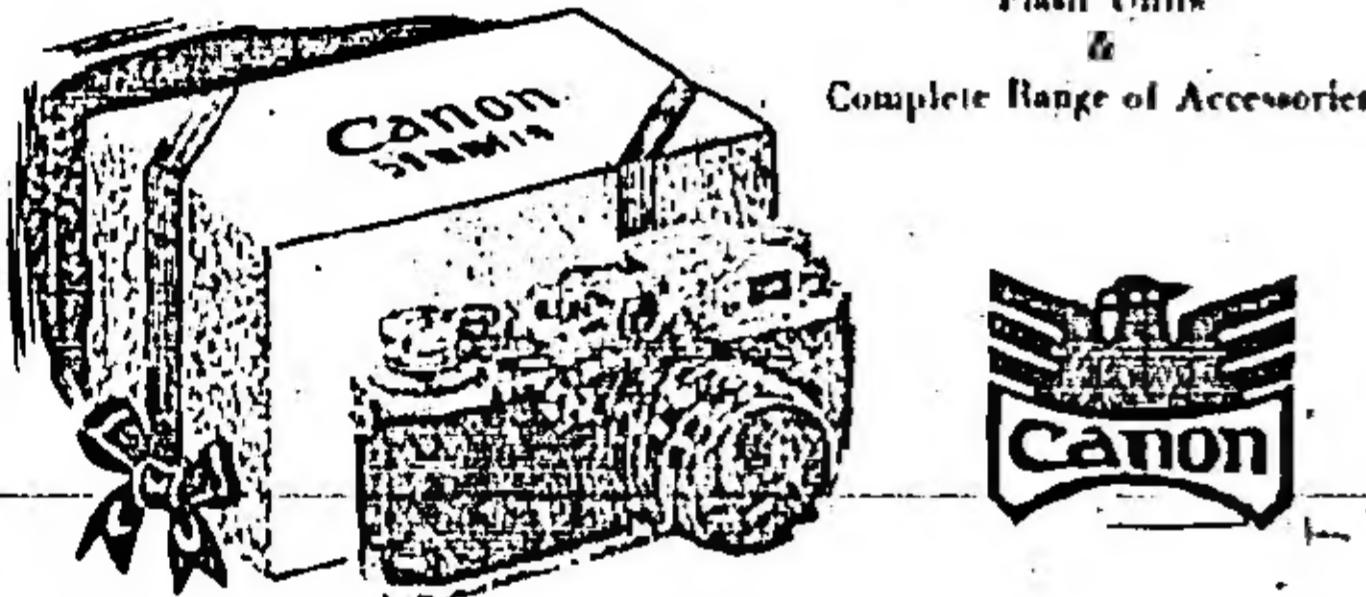
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Jack Hobbs Is 70 Not Out Today

Runs Flowed From His Bat Like Strokes From An Artist's Brush

By DENNIS HART

Easter Monday, 1905, dawned cold and miserable, with rain threatening. Despite this, a large crowd assembled at the Oval to see Surrey play the Gentlemen of England. For this was one of the most attractive fixtures of the season. On view were men whose deeds had become legendary.

Leading the Gents was the immortal W. G. Grace, and opening for Surrey was the great Tom Hayward. Between them, these two held more batting records than all the others put together.

But, although the shivering crowd did not realize it, there was present one destined to outshine even these great players. For striding out of the pavilion, tightly gripping his bat to conceal his nervousness at his debut in first class cricket, came a young man named Hobbs, John Berry Hobbs.

Today, Jack celebrates his 70th birthday. And it seems like only yesterday that we were watching him scoring centuries at the Oval, or reading of his exploits in the papers.

SPANNED TWO ERAS

But it was in fact 19 years ago that Jack took off his pads for the last time. This ended a career which spanned two eras.

It began in the days of Grace, Trumper and Fry, when fashionable cricket-watchers arrived at Lord's in a hansom after bumping over the cobbled streets of Edwardian London.

It ended with Hammond, Bradman and Headley as the heroes of the day, and with cricket beginning to recover from the 'body-line' controversy which had threatened to split it in two.

During those 30-odd years Jack Hobbs made more runs, scored more centuries than anyone before or since. His exploits made him the most talked-of man in the game. His name became a household word the world over.

But for all his runs and records, Hobbs was a batsman, not a scoring machine. Runs flowed from his bat like strokes from an artist's brush, rather than mass-produced items off an assembly line.

He knew every stroke in the book, and each one he played perfectly. In fact it was said of him that he never made a bad stroke.

When he announced his retirement, he had 197 centuries to his credit. Many friends begged him to carry on, to make it a double century of hundreds.

The fact that he had made nearly half his centuries after the age of 38 showed him fully capable of doing so, but he replied: "I want people to remember me at my best. I do not want to hear such muttering

NOTICE

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By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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as "that's Hobbs, I remember him before he went off." / IDOLISED

Yes, Jack was idolised. In fact, such was his fame that if Surrey were playing at the Oval, the first thing the local factory and office workers enquired on leaving work was: "Is Hobbs batting?" If so, many a housewife had the dinner spoilt because a husband arrived home an hour late.

It was Tom Hayward who first "spotted" Jack and induced him to join Surrey. But although Jack accepted much of Hayward's sound advice, it is untrue to say that he moulded himself on his style. For Jack, who never had an hour's coaching in his life, had no need to copy anybody's style.

To him, batting was the most natural thing in the world. Just as others can swim the first time they fall in the water, so Jack could make strokes the first time he picked up a bat.

He learned the rudiments of the game from his father who was a coach and groundsman to one of the Cambridge colleges. It was at the University that he saw one of his early favourites, the great Ranjitsinhji.

Jack never copied the Indian prince's style, but in his after years it was noticeable that his play contained much of Ranji's ease and grace.

Hobbs did not crash onto the scene at an early age with a series of prodigious feats. He was 22 when he entered first-class cricket, and although he made a century on his county debut, his average for his first season was a modest 23.52, for 1,317 runs, scored in 61 completed innings. Yet this was a portend of things to come.

LESS SEVERE

For all his subsequent greatness, however, he was less severe than many batsmen, especially in the latter part of his career. If the state of the game allowed it, he frequently threw away his wicket after passing the century mark.

Hobbs liked his cricket to be a struggle. It gave him more pleasure to fight it out on a "sticky" than to have runs handed to him on a "feather bed."

It was his ability on bad wickets which brought victory to England in the 1926 series against Australia.

The first four Tests had been drawn, and in the final one at the Oval, England were 22 runs behind on the first innings. Torrential overnight rain had made the wicket a spin bowlers' paradise, and England's chances seemed slight indeed.

But on his own pitch, before his own crowd, Hobbs reigned supreme. Australian bowlers Arthur Malley and Arthur Richardson were in top form and gave nothing away. But neither did Hobbs.

Playing each ball on its merit, refusing to be tempted into having a "go" despite being led down by maiden after maiden, he scored a brilliant century, and set England on the winning path.

SUTCLIFFE'S TRIBUTE

His opening partner, Herbert Sutcliffe of Yorkshire, who also scored a century, said of Hobbs' innings, "It was a masterpiece of determination and skilful batting."

Sutcliffe opened the England innings with Hobbs on many occasions, and shared in numerous three-figure partnerships with him.

More than anyone, he is qualified to comment on Hobbs' technique. "He is the best batsman I have ever seen," says Sutcliffe.

"Each stroke is a

technical masterpiece, foot, body, shoulders, wrists and fingers working perfectly together, the whole controlled by a keenly alert brain. Hobbs was as sound as Mead, and as brilliant as Woolley. He is my ideal of a batsman, with my ideal of the temperament a batsman should have."

Hobbs, who now has a sports shop in London's Fleet Street, has not changed greatly from when he used to delight the Oval crowds. His hair has thinned, and whitened. But his figure is still erect, and the passing of the years has not dimmed the famous Hobbs' smile.

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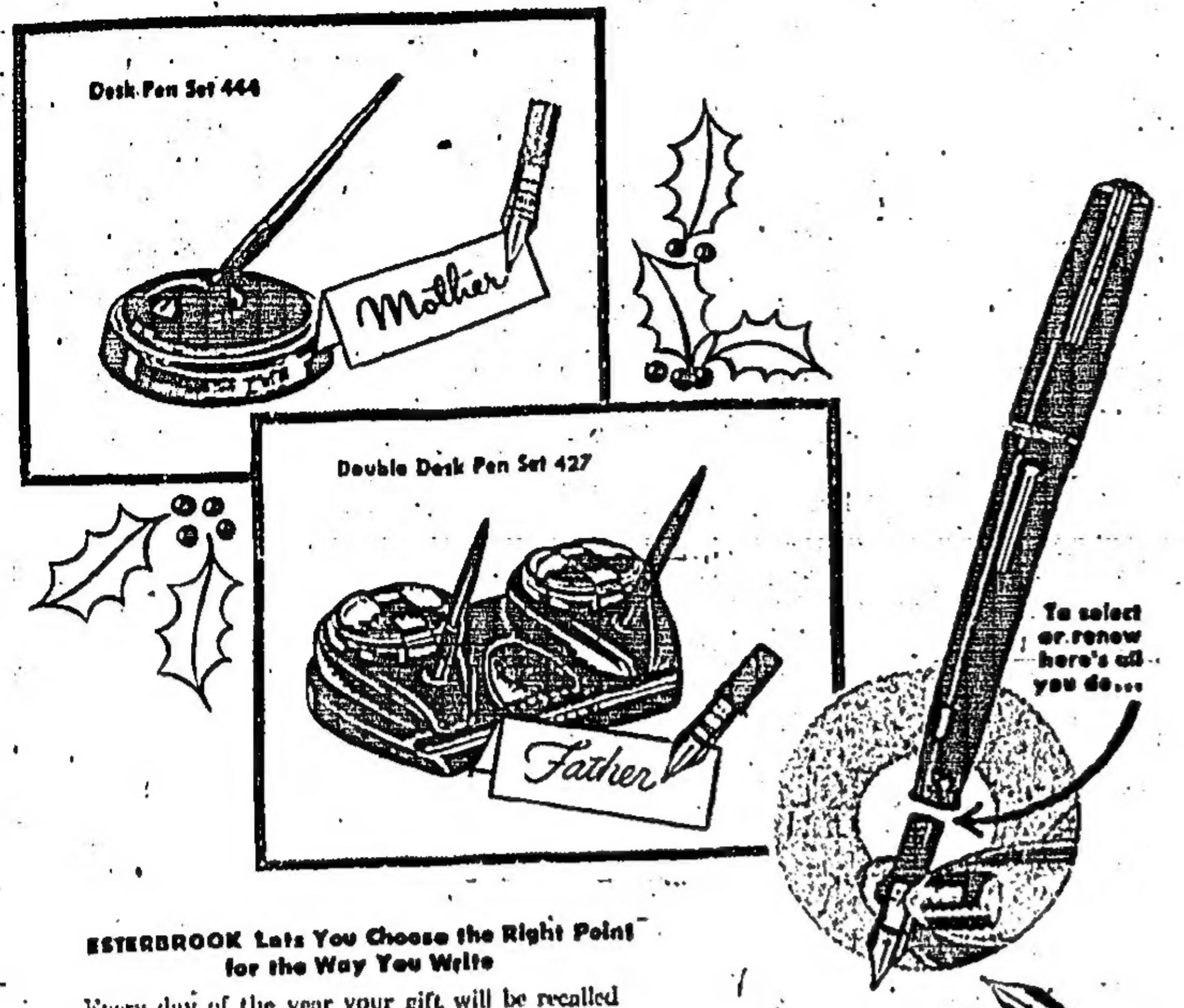
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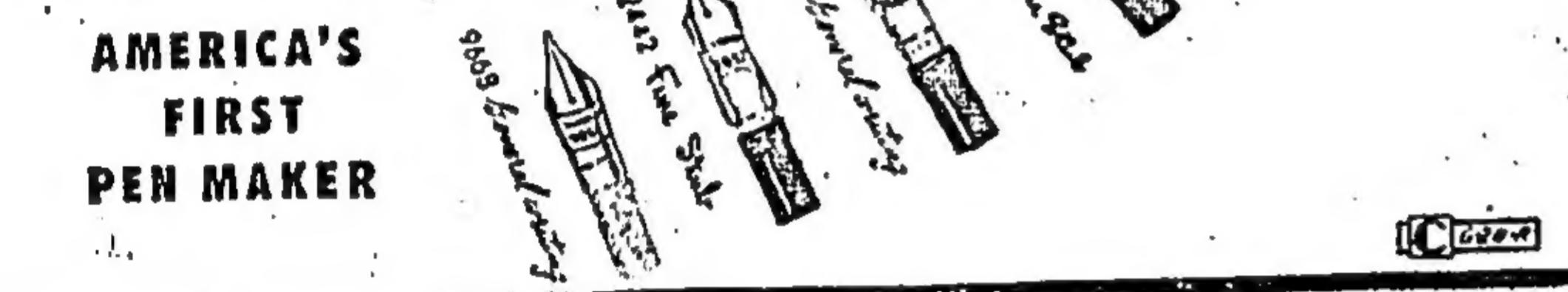
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Ladies' League Review

Wahoos And Squaws Forge Ahead With Easy Wins

By "KEYSTONE"

The Wahoo Owls gave the young Pandas another severe savaging on Sunday morning, tallying 17 times on 11 hits to preserve a spotlessly clean record, while the revitalised Squaws kept pace with the League-leaders by trampling down South China 16-4.

On Saturday, the Pool To lasses gave Frank Poon's hapless Chinese Athletics the old heave-ho to tumble them irrevocably down into the chilly gloom of the League cellar.

In the lop-sided Pool To-CAA game on Saturday, schoolgirl May Wu again demonstrated her prowess on the mound by disposing of no less than six of the first nine CAA batters via her oft-travelled strike-out route.

It was only in the fourth inning that Frank Poon's rookies could lay a stick on her blinding pitches when they manufactured three runs on a bunt hit by keystone sacker K. Wong, and a bingle to centre by centrefielder P.Y. Chan.

Three successive errors by Pool To first-sacker Y.M. Lee conceded a further brace of CAA runs in the fifth to top off all the scoring the Athletics could muster.

UTTER ABANDON

The mauling-keen Pool To squad scoured around the sacks in utter abandon from the very first inning when one solitary field hit threw the entire CAA field out of gear and caused an even dozen errors to allow Pool To to score seven runs.

The tragic-comedy of errors continued apace in all the following innings, during none of which did the CAA pitcher face less than eight enemy batters.

A final score of 20 runs resulting from five scanty hits probably constitutes some sort of record in local softball annals, and the CAA girls now become permanent occupants of the unchallenged bottom rung of the League ladder by this dubious achievement.

A kind word of praise and recognition must be added here for the persistently enthusiastic spirit and fine sportsmanship displayed by the Chinese Athletics girls who, participating in League play for the very first time, have been putting up doughty fights against overwhelming opposition in an unflinching, never-say-die manner.

This kind of spirit is all the more to be commended, by its seeming rarity in Chinese teams, and is certainly worthy of emulation by certain teams in this and the other Leagues.

THUNDEROUS VOLLEY

With new life injected into the team by new and capable management, the Squaws battered South China into submission with a thunderous volley of base-blooms.

Squaws twirler "Bonnie Eyes" Remedios went the full distance of seven innings, keeping the Nam Wah girls in tight check with six well-located safeties of which first-sacker Madeline Gosling and third baseman O.C. Chan collected two apiece.

Benita Remedios practically won the ballgame single-handed by slapping out a perfect four-in-four performance with the hickory limb, while clean-up batter Sheila Silva maintained her slugging reputation with four hits in five trips to the dish. First base guardian A. Oliveira and third baseman "Zally Zun" tickled the apple for a home-run each.

Boasting of a long array of talented stick-artists in Sheila Silva, Benita Remedios, Thelma Waddle, Sally Sun and A. Oliveira, the Squaw-women are certain to wind up their current League schedule sharing top place with the pace-setting Wahoos.

This would lead to a five-game play-off series for the Senior Ladies' Division Championship between the two teams, and already followers of the two rival camps are licking their chops over the expected knock-down, drag-out fight to come.

Willie Woo's Pandas entertained the Green Wahoos at the far end of the field on a Sunday breakfast that ended with the gueles gobbling up the hosts when the Owls clawed up the young Beets with a 17-7 score.

The Wahoos swooped down hard from the very first when, after successive walks that choked the bases with runners, rousing shortstop Irene Starkey belted a zooming home into centrefield.

The Pandas inched gingerly back into the picture run by run and almost drew up when the

fourth frame rolled around. Then the Wahoo batters began hacking in earnest at Pearl Chan's deliveries, soaking the ball for three hits in a row, which brought six runs across the plate.

The Owls picked up two more markers in the fifth and completed the rout with six more tangles in the final frame when centrefielder S. Collaco ripped out a two-run homer to put the game away in cold storage.

FOUGHT BACK

The Panda girls fought back mightily in the fifth inning which Ingrid Wang opened with a rousing single. Diane Tong then lofted pitch into centre which was jugged, scoring the runner.

Hot-corner guardian Eugenie Kwok then clouted the pill into the outer gardens for a base-clearing homer. Ida Pan got a life on a miscue by the second baseman, and scored when Pearl Chan's grounder was heaved wild. Pearl Chan was nailed at third on an attempted steal, and "Little Amy" Cheng fanned out to end the rally.

Keen, closely-contested struggles are in store for the eager bleachers in both circuits, and the two defending champion outfits, the Wahoos and Pool To, will have to throw in their all to ward off being dethroned.

TEAM STANDINGS

	Played	Won	Lost
Wahoos	7	7	0
Squaws	8	6	2
S. China	8	4	4
Pool To	7	3	4
Pandas	8	3	5
CAA	8	0	8

Cri du Coeur

By HENRY LONGHURST

Oh dear, oh dear! Here is a sorry tale indeed! A cry from the heart of one who, having read my reference to a period of freedom from golfing "staggers," seeks the cure for a disease hitherto unknown to science.

I must preserve the victim's anonymity. Briefly, he is in the middle thirties, and in an honourable profession. He is a bachelor, though whether that is relevant I cannot say.

He had, in the days before the golf Unions went off their collective rocker, a handicap of four, and claims to be the only club captain to have started the first competition of his year of office with an air shot.

Now he suffers the tortures of the damned, and sees the mental home looming round the corner. His putting, I gather, is all right. His short game is certainly all right. And, for the long shots, he can get the club up all right, but when he has got it up he can't get it down.

TRANSFIXED

For several seconds he stands there transfixed like a benringer frozen into sudden immobility. His friends offer ludicrous advice of a kind from which I have myself suffered much in the past. "Just go up and hit it," they say, "without thinking about it." As well tell a rabbit confronted by a stoat to "simply run away."

Golfers who "get stuck" and cannot start the club back have been comparatively common, the most distinguished being John de Forest, who actually won the championship while suffering from this curious malady, but this surely is the first authenticated case of one who could get the club up, but could not get it down.

The victim thinks seriously, he says, of consulting a stage hypnotist by whose act he was much impressed, and, certainly if I were he I should do so. For many years I have been saying that, if I had had my time again, I should have consulted not Fred Robson but a reputable hypnotist to convince me that I could do what I wished and knew myself able to do—namely, strike the ball four feet in the desired direction with a putter.

It so happened that recently, by virtue of the Medical Cosmetic Society dinner, I was able to take not one but about 60 "second opinions" on

this case. But alas, they proved to know as much about my friend's strange disease as they do about the common cold, and not a word of sense could I get out of them.

They even included a trick cyclist of such eminence, I was assured, as almost to qualify him for Bertram Mills' circus. But even he was giving nothing away, if indeed he had anything to give.

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CASEBOOK

The Ups
—And The
Downs

JAMES is a tall, dark, Scot, whose adult life is 36 now—has been as full of ups and downs as a liftman's.

Not that James has ever climbed very high. It could never, I think, be said against him that ambition was his vice. Panting and gasping and weary, he has reached as far as the first rung of that steep ladder that leads to security or success or both, and then, exhausted by the effort, he has let go with both hands, flopped down, been obliged to start all over again from ground-level.

THE other evening, a policeman on duty in Mayfair, saw James, who seemed to be involved in some furious argument outside a small restaurant. "You foreign so-and-so," James was roaring, "let me in, will you?"

"I've told you to keep out," the manager of the restaurant said angrily.

James tried to push his way through the door; the manager barred his way. The policeman walked over to investigate.

"What the trouble?" he asked.

"I've turned him out once and he's trying to get back in," said the restaurant manager. "Foreign so-and-so," James cried.

THE policeman did his best to understand both sides of the argument, and at last he said to James: "Go away now, will you, and be quiet."

Twice he gave the order, and still James stood his ground and continued his abuse of the manager, the restaurant, society as a whole. He had slipped from the bottom rung again, and the whole world seemed his enemy. The policeman arrested him.

NEXT morning, at Great Marlborough Street, James pleaded guilty to using insulting words and behaviour that might have led to a breach of the peace, and the policeman briefly told Mr Paul Bennett, VC, of the incident in Mayfair.

"Is there anything known about him?" asked Mr Bennett of the gaoler.

"Yes, sir, there are numerous previous, mostly for drunk," the gaoler said. "There are also some for begging, and one for assaulting the police."

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked James.

James smiled rather bleakly and said: "It was like this, you see, sir, I'd worked at this place for a year and five months, and I'd often been taken back."

"You mean you'd often been dismissed?"

"Well, yes, sir, but they always took me back after a wee while. It was sort of quite friendly, you know. Well, the last time, when they gave me a minute's notice, I naturally thought they'd be having me back, so when they gave me 30s. instead of £3 10s. a week's money, they didn't worry."

"Then they wouldn't have me back, and when I went for the rest of the money the door was shut on me, sir, and . . ." James paused.

"PERHAPS after a year and five months they were tired of forgiving you," the magistrate suggested.

"With the door shut on me, sir, I just fell fed up and cold and . . . I was right on the floor again, you see, sir. I know I was wrong, but I was fed up."

Mr Bennett fined him 20s. and James left the court without indicating whether he could pay or not. He was thinking, I believe, of the ladder, and the awful climb to the first rung from the floor that he would have to begin all over again.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Unseasonable Weather Hits NSW And Victoria

FROM H. KING WOOD

Icy cold winds which have been sweeping two States this week have done little to add to the Christmas spirit. Six inches of snow lies on the Alps and the freezing westerlies coming off them have sent Melbourne people to their firesides and Sydney people into overcoats.

The Weather Bureau which, strange as it may seem, has been tipping accurately for sometime now, says the cold will last until Christmas and despite the fact that retailers have been complaining that shoppers have been quiet so far, the city is putting on a bright display.

Departmental stores, however, have told their Father Christmases to go easy on the premises when talking business with their young customers. This strict instruction followed a letter in a paper from "Worried Mother," who complained that one Santa had promised her young son a playtent which she could not possibly afford. Nothing she could do or say would shake his faith, she wrote.

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British manufacturers because we have repudiated certain contracts, which we never should have done."

And that's pretty straight talk from a top official who depends on the NSW Government for his job.

The cancellations were made in a desperate bid to cut the Railway Dept deficit which at one period looked like being about £7-million.

Just over nine tons of stars and campaign medals are still being held in Sydney and Melbourne waiting to be claimed by World War II ex-servicemen.

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DAVIS CUP DOUBTS

Until Australian tennis ace Frank Sedgman was defeated by the American captain Vic Seixas in the Victorian championships, most Australians thought this year's Davis Cup would be a walk-over, and the trophy was as good as on display in the local sports store again.

Now, however, the guessers are adopting a more cautious air.

Seixas the previous week beat our other Cup star, Ken McGregor, and his win over Sedgman was accomplished quite easily.

True, the other, Americans haven't yet shown the same good form, but it should be remembered that Sedgman, playing at his top last year, carried Australia to victory and there is no reason why Seixas shouldn't do the same for America.

Australian team manager Harry Hopman said: "America has a strong combination to challenge for the Cup and they will not be easy to beat."

"But we will still hold the Cup."

Chances are that we will, and maybe it is a very good thing for Australia that Sedgman does get beaten every now and then. It has the admirable effect of helping to keep us on our toes.

You can never take a Davis Cup result for granted.

NOT BIG COMPETITOR

Japan was not likely to be a serious competitor for Australia in export markets in South-East Asian countries, Mr H. C. Menzies declared this week. He is retiring commercial counselor at the Embassy in Tokyo and now on leave before becoming Australian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong.

He said Australia and Japan were exporting different types of goods to Southeast Asia. He pointed out that our exports to Japan last year totalled £48-million but we imported from Japan goods worth £43-million. The export figure was likely to be larger this year because of Japan's huge purchases of wool.

Mr Menzies claimed that Japan was beginning to get worried by high production costs.

"Almost all raw materials have to be imported, labour costs are higher than before the war and Japan has not the shipping to transport her goods cheaply to markets."

"Japan until recently enjoyed a seller's market but today, because of buyer resistance, is having difficulty in finding markets," he declared.

£25,000 has been made available by the Federal Government to provide assistance to Australian civilians who were interned by the Japanese during the war while living in captured territories.

The money has been set aside from the sale of Japanese assets in Australia. The fund is not to meet claims purely for loss of assets but rather is for people who suffered physical and mental disabilities as a result of internment.

Australia's good name has dropped so much that I am ashamed to go to Manchester, I believe, of the ladder, and the awful climb to the first rung from the floor that he would have to begin all over again.

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HONGKONG PRODUCTS EXHIBITION



This striking picture of the Hongkong Products Exhibition, officially opened yesterday in Kowloon, was taken last night by a China Mail staff photographer.

MURDER TRIAL

Accused's Alleged Statement

An alleged statement made by the accused, in answer to a charge of murder, in which he stated that he did not kill the deceased intentionally, was read to the Court and Jury when the trial of Wong Wah-yau, 31, unskilled labourer, continued before the Puiseine Judge, Mr Justice Reece, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The alleged statement went to say that in fact that the accused did use a trestle to threaten the deceased who had rushed at him. The accused did not know at the time how the deceased's head and heart were wounded. It was an unintentional act. Besides, he had taken wine at that time, the alleged statement concluded.

Wong is alleged to have fatally wounded Wong Ngan, 68, his foster mother, on the rooftop of Nos. 478-480 Lockhart Road on September 3 last. It is alleged that following a quarrel in the early hours of September 2, Wong picked up a trestle bench and struck the deceased with it, causing injuries from which she later died in hospital.

Conducting the case for the prosecution is Mr M. Morley, Crown Counsel. Det. Insp. Chalmers is representing the accused.

Mr Charles E. Loopey, QC, instructed by Mr W. H. Young, is defending the accused.

John Moore, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, said that at 6.30 a.m. on September 4 at Eastern Police Station, he charged the accused through Yu Man-ting, an interpreter with the murder of the deceased.

Accused elected to make a statement and wrote it down himself. It was a voluntary statement. Det. Insp. Chalmers was also present at the time.

WRITES STATEMENT

Yu Man-ting, interpreter, formerly attached to the CID, Eastern, said that he acted as interpreter to the last witness between them had been accepted.

A week later Muldoon brought to him a draft letter written by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, continued the witness, adding "I told him that a lawyer's letter was hardly conducive to friendly feelings and suggested a re-draft which would bring the point under discussion to the attention of the Board through the Manager in the normal way."

Witness said that as Muldoon said he was very happy in his work and now regretted this step, it is now suggested that it might be possible for Muldoon to have the matter patched up, and also suggested that he approach Storrar with the same view.

After three hours' questioning by the police, Law admitted that his story was false. He said he made it up because he was afraid his employer would blame him for the loss.

Mr O'Reilly, magistrate, sentenced him to one month in prison on each charge, sentences to be consecutive.

The Dock Company, defended by Mr A. R. O'Dowd, Booth, maintained that Muldoon resigned verbally on August 23 and his resignation was accepted.

Mr Black, a Director of the Dock Company, said that on September 1, in an interview at Mr Kadoorie's office, Muldoon told him that he had resigned and there was some lengthy discussion about his trouble in the docks.

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Asked if he wanted to see Muldoon retain his job, witness said that he did not wish to see anyone leave and since Muldoon had said he was happy in his work he and Kadoorie thought it best to patch things up and if Storrar agreed to retain him.

Joining by Sgt. Peel, witness chased and caught defendant.

The picket heard worth £10, the property of Her Majesty's War Department was ordered to be returned to the Hospital.

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ATTEMPTED ARSON FOILED

Johnnesburg, Dec. 15.

Arnold Selby, 34-year-old European, was one of four persons arrested in Johannesburg today for defying race segregation regulations. He is Secretary General of the African Textile Workers Union.

Selby tried to send a telegram to the Minister of Justice, calling for the abolition of the colour bar—in the part of the Post Office reserved for non-Europeans. His companion, a coloured man and two women, tried to send a similar telegram from the section set aside for Europeans. They refused to change to the "post" queues and were then arrested.

In Capetown, attempts were made early Monday to burn down three European churches and administrative offices at Langata, a native location in Capetown. Prompt police action prevented serious damage—Associated Press.

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HAD A ROW

Mr Lawrence Kadoorie justified that at the interview on September 1, Muldoon told him that he had "had a row" with Storrar, that he had tendered his resignation verbally and that Storrar had accepted it.

The first time Muldoon said this, Mr Black was not present, but on the second occasion he was there.

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JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 15.

Attempts to burn down several churches at Langata Location near Capetown were foiled last night by the authorities. It was learned here today that the unknown authors of the attempt tried to burn down the Catholic, Protestant and Dutch Reformed churches.

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Living Language

Why we say Coffee.

There are two explanations for the origin of this word. The first is that it is a corruption of Kahway, which is the Arabic name for coffee, and the second is that the berry takes its name from the Abyssinian province of Caffa, where it is found.

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By Air

Indo-China, France, French North West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m., P.A.L.

Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 9 p.m., M.C.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., Lee Hong/Tak Shing, Japan, 3 p.m., M. Pakhol.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
By Air

Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.

New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Indo-China, (Tonkin only), 4.30